

August 30 | Sunday

Calling

Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 16:15-18



31 | Mon – “I am HERE; send me!” | Read Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah’s response when coming into the presence of God was an overwhelming sense of his own sinfulness. When he experienced the cleansing that comes with forgiveness, his next response was to offer his own service, willing to be sent by God on a mission. The sequence here is important. Often it is easier to serve than to admit and deal with our own bent toward sin. What do you need to deal with today so you can move forward?

01 | Tue – A Picture of God’s Mission | Read Isaiah 61:1-4

Isaiah describes God’s purposes in specific detail. Jesus stated these same words when defining his own mission in Luke 4:21, saying that Isaiah’s words were being fulfilled, even as Jesus was speaking to them. When we become Jesus followers, we step into his mission. What could you do to see some of these things happen today in your sphere of influence?

02 | Wed – Loving God and other people | Read Matthew 22:36-40

When asked by the religious leaders, Jesus affirmed that the two most important commands to follow are to love God completely and to love others as much as we love ourselves. How is God’s love the foundation of loving ourselves and other people? Healing often comes as we open our hearts to let the love of Jesus love pour through us out to others. Try it and see.

03 | Thu – Jesus’ Great Commission | Read Matthew 28:16-20

Imagine being one of the eleven disciples and listening to Jesus tell you to go out and make disciples of all people. Pretty overwhelming, right? Except that he promised to be with them. Doesn’t Jesus deserve to have everyone you meet today come into his kingdom? He did, after all, pay the price for their (and our) freedom.

04 | Fri – God’s mission WILL triumph | Read Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus was very clear. Not even the gates of hell will stop God’s purposes from being fulfilled. This is the confidence that gives us hope during the difficult times in our lives, when the decisions of others take us down paths we would never choose to go. Can you trust the One who understands all things, who has the power to do anything, whose heart is good, and who is always with you? His purposes *will* prevail (Prov. 19:21).

05 | Sat – Trusted with the message | Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Paul gave the believers in Corinth two big ideas - first that we have become new creations in Christ; we are not who we were. Second, Paul affirms the honor we have been given, as Christ’s ambassadors, to bring the message of reconciliation to everyone we meet - an ambassador who is diplomatic but direct. Who can you share this good news with today?

September 6 | Sun – Death | Read Psalms 104:29



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